(b) the States where the scheme was introduced;

(c) the reasons for its failure; and

(d) the loss incurred in the implementation of this scheme during the Seventh Plan period?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND COOPERATION IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI JAYANTILAL VIRCHANDBHAI SHAH): (a) and (b) No, Sir. Since its inception, the Comprehensive Crop Insurance Scheme (CCIS) has been quite popular and beneficial to the farmers. This is clear from the fact that during the VII Plan, the scheme was implemented by 19 States, namely Andhra Pradesh, Assam, Bihar, Goa, Gujarat, Himachal Pradesh, Jammu & Kashmir, Karnataka, Kerala, Manipur, Madhya Pradesh, Maharashtra, Meghalaya, Orissa, Rajasthan, Tamil Nadu, Tripura, Uttar Pradesh and West Bengal and 3 U.Ts of Andaman & Nicobar, Delhi and Pondicherry covering 244 lakh farmers over an area of 430 lakh ha. insuring sum of Rs. 5233.26 crores.

(c) In view of (a) and (b) above, question does not arise.

(d) The total indemnity claims payable during the VII Plan (upto Rabi 1989-90) were Rs. 620.68 crores against a premia income of Rs. 90.54 crores only.

Observing the year 1991 as 'Visit India Year'

1133. SHRI KRISHAN LAL SHARMA: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to observe the year, 1991, as 'Visit India Year';

(b) if so, the details of the new trains likely to be introduced in the year to meet the tourist traffic together with the changes in railway services; and

(c) whether any target has been fixed for completion of Kalka-Parwanoo railway line, if so, by when?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI JANESHWAR MISHRA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Introduction of train services is a continuous process. Trains are introduced from time to time keeping in view different traffic trends including tourist potential, availability of resources and operational feasibility. A list of new trains proposed to be introduced during the year 1991-92 is as follows:

1. Bombay-Varanasi Express.
2. Tirupati-Secunderabed Express (Via Nadikude).
3. Bombay Central Ahmedabad Inter-City Express.
4. Ranchi-Rourkela Link Express to be linked with Bombay-Howrah Express.
5. Bangalore-Tirupati Inter-city Express.
6. Allahabad-Agra Cantt. Express.
7. Allahabad City-Chhapra Express (MG).
8. Firozpur Cantt.-Jammu Tawi Express.
9. Visakhapatnam-New Delhi Bi-weekly Express.
10. Puri-Tirupati Weekly Express.
11. Porbandar-Wansjaliya Passengers.

(c) There is no proposal to construct Kalka-Parwanoo railway line.

शताब्दी एक्सप्रेस का चलाया जाना

1143. **श्रीमती रत्न कुमारी** : क्या रेल मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या सरकार का ध्यान 20 फ़रवरी, 1991 के "वीर अर्जुन" में प्रकाशित हुए इस आशय के समाचार की ओर दिलाया गया है कि दिल्ली और भोपाल के बीच सबसे तीव्र गति से चलने वाली शताब्दी एक्सप्रेस कभी भी दुर्घटनाग्रस्त हो सकती है क्योंकि इसकी पटरी के निर्माण में उच्च गति वाली पटरी के लिए आवश्यक नियमों का पालन नहीं किया गया है ; और

(ख) यदि हां, तो इसका ब्यौरा क्या है?